

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Henriette Bolly. I am director of a small housing authority in Indiana. I am writing to you regarding your consideration of dropping the requirement that the telephone companies be required to provide ISPs access to (their networks).

Removal of this requirement would place a financial burden on this housing authority.

I depend on my local Internet Service Provider to give me access to Internet services and options not available from the large telephone carriers (at a cost we can afford). If you choose to remove my ISPs access to the (telephone network) they will no longer be able to provide me the level of service we have come to enjoy and expect for Internet access. Such action will simply force the independent ISPs out of business and will do nothing but LIMIT consumer choice not expand it.

By removing the requirement and reducing our choice, you will likely also allow consumer rates to rise. Having a current choice among several providers to choose from, I am not only allowed to find the best services to suit our needs, but also the best price. At this time of severe budget constraints, reducing the number of ISPs in the marketplace will certainly have the obvious result of reduced competition and increased prices.

I sincerely hope that you think very carefully what you are considering. Consumers across America are depending on you to make the right decision. The right decision is to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs and not through their destruction.

Commissioners I implore you to continue to protect the ISPs access to the public telephone networks and thereby protect the rights of millions of consumers like me.

Sincerely,

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